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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 19th/February, through Sunday, 26th/February there were 234 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 3Y/p, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D6, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0T, PZ, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TN, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP8/o, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK2, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3D2/R, ROTUMA ISLAND

Just a reminder that operators Will/N7OU (3D2RO) and Rob/W7YAQ (3D2RX) will be active between March 1-10th. Their activity will include a Multi-Single entry in the ARRL DX SSB

Contest (March 4-5th) as 3D2RX. Activity outside of the contest will be on 80-10 meters. QSL via their home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

3Y0X NEWS

As reported last week, the 3Y0X DXpedition to Peter I Island went QRT on February 19th at 1813z. The updated stats show that the DXpedition netted 87,034 QSOs. However, the team's departure was delayed because of bad weather. The DAP Mares was scheduled to leave on February 21st and their tentative plans were to visit Deception Island on the way back to King George Island and then to fly to Punta Arenas, Chile. However, the final helicopter trip from Peter I to the deck of the DAP Mares didn't happen until 1859z, on February 24th. The ship is now underway to Deception Island and then to King George Island (KGI). Peter I Island is, once again, uninhabited! The last report as this was being typed stated they expect to reach Deception Island about 0500z Tuesday, then on to KGI with an ETA of 1600z. As always, updates are availble at:

http://www.peterone.com/

ADDED NOTE: Stats reported last week did not report everything. Lance, W7GJ, informed OPDX that the 3Y0X team worked over 100 stations on 2m EME using JT65 (a new digital mode especially developed for very weak signal work, such as EME), in 33 different DXCC entities. JT65 has become the standard for 6m EME, and now is by far the most popular mode on 2m EME (for REAL long path DX - 3/4 million km!) because it is 10 dB more sensitive than CW. Jose, N4BAA, also mentioned not listed in the totals were 4 SSTV QSOs made on 17M!

4J, AZERBAIJAN

Operators Mir/UA3FDX and Pavel/RA3AUM will be active as 4J0DX and 4J0AUM, respectively, between March 17-27th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters CW/SSB and possibly 160 meters. They also plan to be active as 4J0DX in the Russian DX and CQ WPX SSB Contests. QSL for both stations are via UA3FDX, either direct or via the bureau.

5Z, KENYA

Mike/OM2DX (aka YI1BGD, YI/OM2DX, YI9X) and Palo/OM2NW will be active as 5Z4/homecall through March 6th. QSL 5Z4/OM2DX via OM3JW and 5Z4/OM2NW via the home callsign.

7Q, MALAWI

QSL Manager Allan, G0IAS, informs OPDX that he will take Les/7Q7LA and his XYL to the airport on March 8th, and OPDX readers should look for 7Q7LA to be active again after March 9th. Les/7Q7LA, along with Harry/7Q7HB, are expected to activate modes on the bands not used before. Look for lots of Digi, SSTV, PSK, etc. The length of Les's stay at this time is unknown. BEWARE OF PIRATE! Allan, G0IAS, has also informed OPDX that a station signing 7Q7RM on CW has been active. Ron, 7Q7RM, became "SK" last year and Allan is unaware that this callsign has been re-issued.

8R, GUYANA

Operators Ken/K7ZUM and Craig/AH8DX will be active as 8R1ZUM and 8R1EA, respectively, between February 28th and March 7th. They will be active in the ARRL SSB DX Contest this coming weekend. Activity before the contest will be mostly on RTTY and the WARC bands. QSL via their home callsigns.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE

The July 23rd-August 10th Ukrainain C9 DXpedition Story is now available on the Web in English at:

http://www.dxer.com.ua/c9/story_en.html

Also, many photos from the DXpedition can be viewed at:

http://www.dxer.com.ua/c9/pg.html

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Branch Manager, informs OPDX that the following are approved for DXCC credit:

K3LP/KP5 and N3KS/KP5 - Desecheo Island; Operation from December 16-17th, 2005

FT5X, KERGUELEN ISLANDS

Gildas (Gil), TU5KG, who has been active as FT5WL/mm, is expected to be active for two days from Kerguelen Islands as FT5XP, February 27-28th. QSL for both callsigns are via F4EFI.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN (Update)

Kasimir, DL2SBY, informs OPDX that he will be active again as HB0/DL2SBY from February 25th through March 4th. His activity will be on 160-10 meters, CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. He was expected to be active during this past weekend's CQWW 160M SSB Contest. He will be using a FT900AT + Ameritron PA with 600w into the following antennas: Dipole for 160-10 meters, GP`s 80-10 meters, and maybe GP for 160m.

IOTA NEWS

AS-013. Herbert, DJ2BC, will be signing 8Q7SH from **Kuredu Island** (Maldive Islands), between February 27th and March 6th. His activity will be on all bands. QSL via DJ2BC **(QRZ.com)**.

EU-001. Operators John/SV1GYG, George/SV1QN, Fotis/SV1AIN, Manolis/ SV1EQU and Nikos/SW1GYN will active as SV5/homecalls from the **Island of Patmos** (MIA MGD-025), between March 28th and April 2nd. Activity will be on 160-6 meters CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via the operator's home callsign.

EU-051. Operators Davide/IW9GUR, Angelo/IW9HLM and Riccardo/IT9CVO will be active from **Ustica Island** (IIA PA-001, MIA MI-116) as IE9/homecall between March 10-12th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, with 2 or 3 stations operational. This activity will also count for the **Isola di Ustica lighthouse** (WLOTA LH-0848). QSL all callsigns via IW9HLM **(QRZ.com)**.

OC-NEW. Members of the Toba DX Group have in hand their air tickets for **Simeulue Island**, and plan to activate this new IOTA. Their operations will commence on March 8th and end on the 15th. The team will be consisting of 5 operators: YC6LAY, YB6LYS, YC6JKV, YB6PLG and YB1BOD. All operators will sign homecall/P. They will try to be active on all HF bands 80-10 meters and possibly 6 meters. QSL via YB1BOD/6: Donny Sirait, P.O. Box 1206, Medan 20233, North Sumatra, Indonesia. More details can be found on:

http://www.toba-dx-group.org/simeulue/index.html

J6, ST. LUCIA

Bill, WB5ZAM, will be heading here for a vaction on April 8th and is expected to stay on Choc Bay at Villa Beach Cottages for two weeks. He hopes to get a J68 callsign, or he will probably sign J6/WB5ZAM. Bill states that he will focus on 30 meters and possibly 40 meters (He states this is tough band with all the broadcast stations and SSB from other hams). Activity will depend on the band openings, his vacation schedule, weather and beach, side trips and island parties. He will use a G5RV with his HF gear and bring along his keyer and headset/mike. QSLs will be printed once he knows what the callsign will be.

KP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (3 Steves Op!)

They're at it again! Operators Steve/N2IFA, Steve/KB2ENF and Steve/KF2TI will be heading to St. Croix, and will be active between May 19-22nd (0400-0400Z). The 3 Steves will be signing KP2/homecall. The 3 Steves special event stations will be on the General portions of 160-10 meters. Also, if you work all 3 Steves, you can receive a coveted WAS (Worked All Steves) Certificate. Details are forthcoming on a new Web page (not yet working) at:

http://3stevesandkurt.dynu.com/

QSL via the bureau or direct to: Steve Adell, KF2TI, 606 E Vail Rd, Landing, NJ 07850-1218.

PZ, SURINAME

Operators Steve/MW0ZZK and Florent/F4CYZ will be active as PZ5ZZ and PZ5CY, respectively, between February 28th and March 8th. Their activity will be on 806 meters. QSL will be via IZ8CCW, direct and/or by the Bureau.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

NEW ADDRESS FOR W3HNK! Joe, W3HNK, informs OPDX that "After 30 years I'm closing P.O. Box 73, Edgemont, Pa. My NEW address is: Joseph Arcure Jr, W3HNK, 115 Buck Run Road, Lincoln University, Pa 19352." This is effective starting on March 1, 2006.

PLEASE NO MORE BUREAU QSLS! Joe, VA6JWT, QSL Manager and operator of **6O0JT**, reports that he is being overwhelmed by QSLs being sent via the bureau. He asks that no more cards be sent to him via the bureau but that they be sent direct with SAE and sufficient postage or IRCs to cover postage from Canada to the DXers QTH. Joe's address for the QSLs is: Joe Talbot, PO Box 836, Bowden, Alberta, Canada, T0M0K0 (that's Tango-Zero-Mike-Zero-Kilo-Zero).

An online log search for **K6VVA/6 S.E. Farallon Island** (**NA-178**) operation is now available at:

http://www.k6vva.com/iota/na178/logsearch/na178logsearch.php

K7C QSL STATUS (Update). Tom, N4XP, informs OPDX that QSLs are being processed daily and mailings go out about every three days. So they are going out on a regular basis and over half of the backlog is done.

Zik, YT1HA, informs all OPDX readers that QSL cards for special callsign "**YZ150T**" are

printed, and all direct request will be sent next week. The QSL Manager for YZ150T is YU1SB. QSLs are OK via the bureau or direct to: Bozic Slavko, Jurija Gagarina 196/50, Novi Beograd, SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO. ADDED NOTE: Zik also inform OPDX that QSLs for **YU1AAV and YZ1V** are ready, and they will send all requests via the bureau; as of now they have replied to 1500 QSL cards.

RK2, KALININGRAD

Members of the "UA2 Contest Club" will be active as RK2FWA during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as a Multi/? entry. QSL via DK4VW.

SPECIAL EVENT FOR IWD

Mari Carmen/EA8GL and Dunia/EA8BHD will be on the air with the special callsign, **ED8IWD, for the International Womens Day, March 5-8th**. They will be transmitting from Isla de Gran Canaria (IOTA **AF-004**, DIE S-005) which will also count for the WLOTA lighthouse LH-0969. A special QSL (designed by Easy QSLs and sponsored by Project 4 of Electronic Applications S.A.) will be sent out once activity is finished via the Bureau. QSL Manager is EA8BHD. More info is available on **(QRZ.com)**.

The Council of Europe Amateur Radio Club in Strasbourg, France, will be activated by an international group of four YLs (for the second time after last year) using the callsign **TP1CE** from March 11-12th. Activity is to celebrate **"International Womens Day" (March 8th)**. The four YLs come from Germany, France and Monaco. The group received an invitation to operate as TP1CE on all bands on SSB and CW. Operators will be Laura/3A2MD, Evelyne/F5RPB, Annemarie/DJ0FR - as last year -, and Olga/DJ0MCL. Last year's activity took place during the ARRL Contest on the same weekend, so the ladies hope that this year they will receive more calls from all over the world. QSL via F5LGF, direct or by the bureau.

SY9, CRETE

Dimitris, SV9COL, who used the special contest callsign SY9A this past weekend during the CQ WW 160 Meter SSB Contest, will use the same callsign during the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th) as a Single-Op/ All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign using the address on **(QRZ.com)**.

TO1, GUADELOUPE

Operators Gildas, FG/F6HMQ, and Michel, FG/F6GWV, will activate TO1T once again between now and March 6th. Their location will be north of the city of Saint Francois. They were expected to enter the French Championship SSB Contest this past weekend and will be in the ARRL DX SSB Contest this weekend. Precontest activities will be mainly on SSB, (morning and evening hours) all bands including the WARC bands. As for antennas, they will use a 20 year old HF6V, modified by Gildas; a hundred radials will be used. QSL via F6HMQ.

TY, BENIN

An international team of 4 operators will be down in Benin Africa for a period of 2 weeks starting on March 15th and ending March 31st. The callsigns have not been confirmed yet, but operators will be Ron/PA3EWP (TY5WP), Tom/GM4FDM (TY4TW), Claudia/K2LEO (TY2LEO) and Andrea/IK1PMR (TY1MR). They will have 3 stations on the air and will operate on all bands and at least on CW, SSB and RTTY. They will focus mainly on the lower bands (160-40 meters) and also participate in all major contests. Each operator will have a

different QSL information. QSL TY1MR via IK1PMR. QSL TY2LEO via IK1PMR. QSL TY4TW via GM4FDM. QSL TY5WP via PA7FM.

VI9, NORFOLK ISLAND

The Oceania Amateur Radio DX Group Inc (ODXG) is planning to operate from Norfolk Island from May 25th until June 20th as part of the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the landing of the "HMS Bounty Mutineers". The callsign will be VI9NI. Operation will be on 160-6 meters CW/SSB/RTTY. OPERATORS ARE NEEDED! The ODXG informs OPDX that they are able to accommodate extra operators for various times during this month long commemorative operation. If you need to contact ODXG, their

E-mail address is: **vi9ni@westnet.com.au**

They are also seeking donations to be strictly used to help offset the cost of freighting all the equipment into Norfolk Island. More information will be forthcoming soon. Meanwhile, visit the ODXG Web page at:

http://odxg.org/

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLANDS

Jim, ND9M, now active as VQ9JC, is planning to be on 80 meters CW from Diego Garcia Island (IOTA **AF-006**) March 2nd and 3rd. He should be on the air at around 2315z for both days. This will give Jim about a 90-minute window to hit North America before he has to leave for the boat launch back to the ship to start his workday at 0200z. Look for Jim on 3505 kHz (+/-), listening up 1 or 2, or possibly up the band a bit to give the U.S. Generals/Advanced operators a shot. QSL via ND9M, direct or through the bureau.

YI, IRAQ

Neil, WD8CRT (ex-V73NS), became active on February 20th at 0600z as YI/WD8CRT. His YI license came through the day before. Neil is a contractor working for the military. He will be there for several more months. His activity will be all QRP using an IC-703 on 40 meters and up. He plans to begin to operate at +/- 0600z. QSNs on the clusters show that Neil was on earlier (after 1130z) this past week on 80/30/20/17/15 meters CW. His antenna is a 20m VEE which he has recently added 40m elements. Neil thinks this should get him onto 80m and should improve his QRP operations on 40m and 15m. The height is still only 30 ft. at the apex. For DX stations, QSL via the Bureau ONLY to his home callsign. For U.S. stations QSL to his home callsign.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS

Operator Bob, K3UL, will again use ZF2UL from Grand Cayman (IOTA **NA-016**) between March 1-7th. This activity will also count for Grand Cayman Island lighthouse (WLOTA LH-1042). His activity will be mostly on the lower bands and mainly on CW. QSL via his home callsign.

ZK1, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS

Jim, W1EMT, will be active as ZK1EMT from Rarotonga (IOTA OC-013), along with Victor, ZK1CG, between March 4-24th. Activity will be mainly QRP with a Buddipole during their weekends and mornings/evenings hours. Suggested SSB frequencies are: 7296, 14342.5, 18158, 21438 and 28328.5 kHz. A QSL certificate is available direct from Jim, W1EMT, with a

SASE or SAE + postage. Further information can be found at:

http://www.qsl.net/w2emt/Rarotonga.htm

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http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

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http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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